(b) if so, the steps being taken to augment the infrastructure or to cap the subscriber limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

New Spectrum Policy

3232. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to form the new Spectrum Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to freeze fresh allocation of radio frequency to BSNL till the new policy is finalized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Formulation of a comprehensive specturm policy taking into account all relevant factors, is presently under consideration.

(c) and (d) There is no freeze on allotment of spectrum. The requirements of BSNL and other telecom service provides are met as per laid down criteria and subject to availability of spectrum.

Greater Noida as new I.T. destination

3233. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Greater Noida will be emerging as new I.T. destination after Bangalore and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided by Government to the I.T. companies for inviting them to invest in this city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Based on information provided by Uttar Pradesh (UP) State Government,

Government of UP is making efforts to ensure that Greater Noida shall be one of the premier IT destinations in the country at par with Hyderabad and Bangalore.

As per Greater Noida Authority, there is a possibility that this area would emerge as a new IT Centre in the furture, due to acquisition of land by major IT companies in the area.

(c) Government of UP is providing the following facilities:

1. A new proactive IT Policy 2004 has been declared to provide impetus growth of IT industry in the state and specially in Greater Noida/Noida.
2. A high power committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh has been constituted to look after the interests of IT industry in UP including Greater Noida.
3. A basket of fiscal incentives are provided for in the IT policy for Mega industrial units (above Rs. 50 cr.) including concessions in land prices and taxes. For IT units with investments above Rs. 250 cr. special incentives on case to case basis are being provided.

In addition, Greater Noida Authrority is providing the following facilities:

1. The IT units have been granted 100% exemption from the required stamp duty *vide* notification No. K.N. 5-305/11-2005-500 (136)/2003, Lucknow, Dated January 19, 2005 of the Tax & Registration Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
2. At the Authority level, the rates of allotment of plots to IT units have been kept lower than those for industrial plots so as to give these units the opportunity for maximum investment in this area.

Network capabilities of BSNL and MTNL

3234. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the newtwork capabilities of BSNL and MNTL and how many subscribers of various services categories can be serviced by BSNL and MTNL;

(b) whether BSNL and MTNL is considering to offer surplus infrastructure capacities to private operators on payment basis; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the telecom networks of BSNL and MTNL are capable of offering many